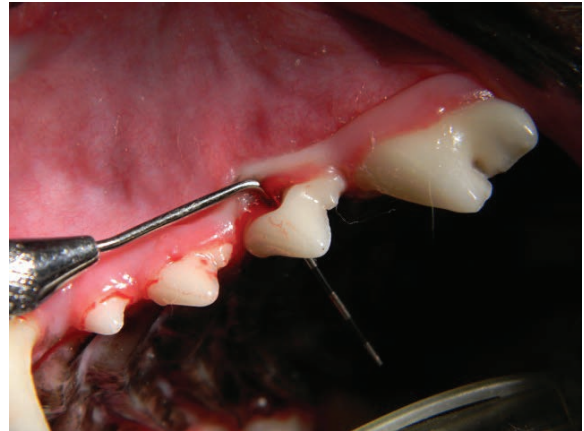




## REASONS NOT TO CHOOSE ANESTHESIA FREE DENTALS FOR YOUR PET

The key flaw in the practice of anesthesia free pet dental cleanings is simple- these providers believe that removing visible tartar from teeth constitutes dental treatment and improved oral health. This is just not the case and the AVDC wants you to consider the following reasons not to choose an anesthesia free dental for your pet:

- Scraping teeth of plaque and tartar does not remove the bacteria from beneath your pet's gumline and does not decrease the risk of your pet getting periodontal disease. Consider this, the same level of "gross" build up you see on your pet's teeth, is also thriving beneath their gumline where you can't see it or the damage it's doing. Cleaning and scaling below the gum line is important because it's where periodontal disease is most active. This can't be done without anesthesia.
- Anesthesia free dentals require your pet to be restrained while their teeth are scraped. This is not only extremely stressful for your pet, but also painful. Imagine having gone months or even years without brushing your teeth, and then being restrained while they are scraped.
- There are no visible signs of periodontal disease until it has progressed too far to be able to treat and save teeth. Anesthesia free dental cleanings can't identify, let alone address periodontal disease.
- A thorough oral health exam can't be done on a dog or cat that is awake. During a thorough oral health exam, all surfaces of your pet's mouth are evaluated and radiographs are taken. This allows a veterinarian to identify painful problems including broken teeth, periodontal disease or even oral tumors. An oral health exam and x-rays can't be done on an awake pet.
- Scraped teeth are a prime breeding ground for more bacteria growth which perpetuates oral disease.
- Anesthesia free dentals provide no benefit to your pet and do not prevent periodontal disease at any level. In fact, it gives you a false sense of security as a pet owner that because the teeth look whiter that they are healthier.
- The costs of anesthesia free dentals are cheap to begin with. The ultimate costs to both your wallet, and pet's dental health, are far more of an expense.



After years of anesthesia free pet dentals, this dog had lost so much bone structure due to undetected periodontal disease the probe goes through the entire jaw.